

# **\*\*Update #1\*\* State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Southeast of Laurel**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Laurel** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash on Gordy Road near Wootten Road involving two vehicles that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred around 7:50 a.m. Monday December 12, 2016 as a 35-year-old female from Willards, Maryland was operating a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck westbound on Gordy Road, west of the intersection of Wootten Road, negotiating a moderate left curve. A 64-year-old female from Delmar, Delaware was operating a 2005 Ford Explorer eastbound on Gordy Road, approaching the Silverado. As the pick-up was traveling through the curve, the operator lost control and began to rotate counterclockwise, leaving the westbound travel lane and crossing into the eastbound lane. The operator of the Explorer, in an attempt to avoid a collision, swerved to the right, however the front center collided with the right side of the truck. After the impact, the Chevrolet pick-up continued rotating counterclockwise and came to stop in a ditch. The Ford Explorer rotated slightly clockwise and came to a stop in the same ditch, just west of the truck.

The 35-year old female and her 36-year-old male passenger in the pick-up truck, were removed from the scene by EMS and transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. The female was admitted for non-life-threatening injuries. The male was pronounced dead a short time later at the hospital.

The 64-year-old female operator of the SUV was transported to

Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

All names are being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Charges may be forthcoming on the operator of the Chevrolet Silverado. Gordy Road between Old Stage Road and Wootten Road was closed for approximately three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* State Police Investigating Serious Crash Southeast of Laurel**

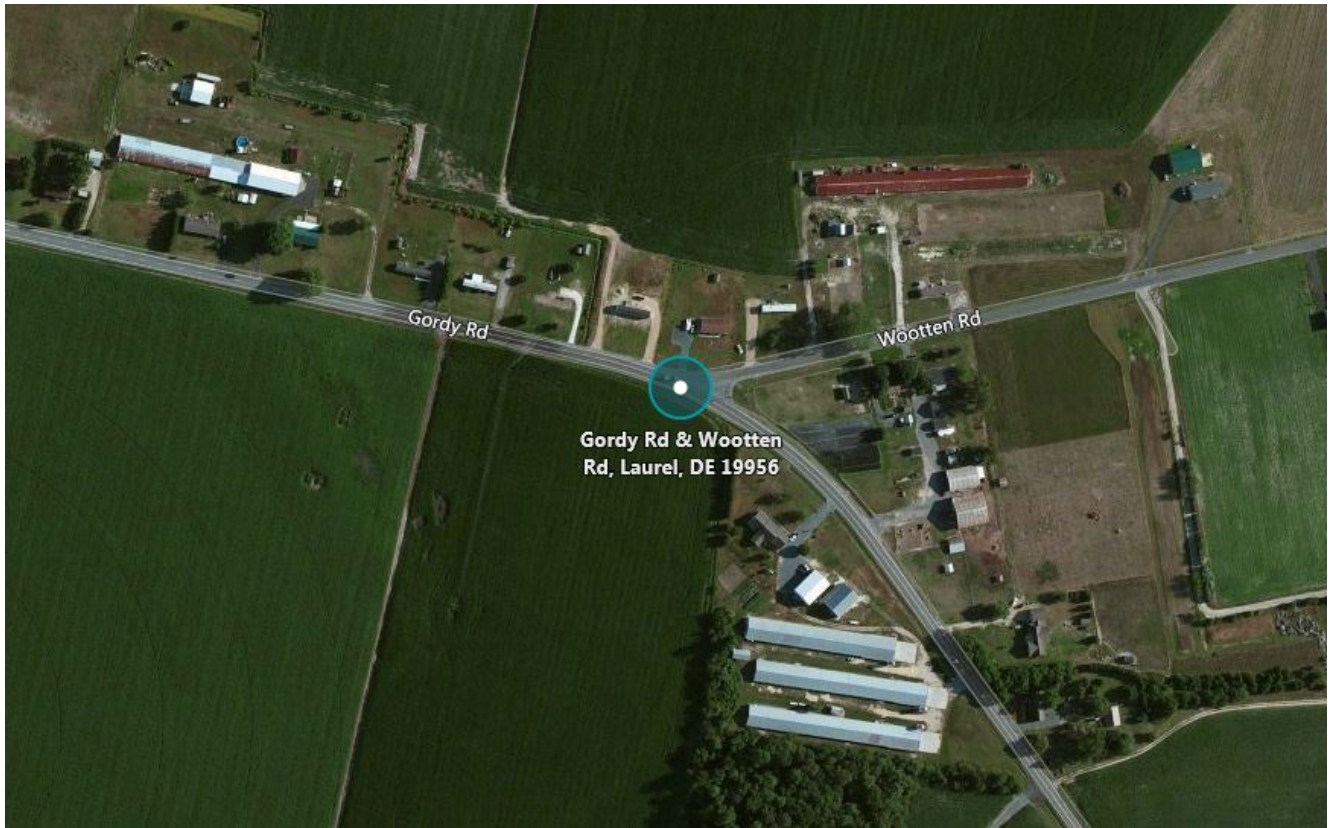
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**Laurel** – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash on Gordy Road near Wootten Road involving two vehicles that occurred around 7:50 a.m. this morning. An unconfirmed number of occupants of the vehicles were transported to area hospitals with undetermined injuries.

Gordy Road between Old Stage Road and Wootten Road is currently closed. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes.

For real time traffic updates in the area, click on the following link: [deldot.gov/map](http://deldot.gov/map).

**Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.**



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